

evidence of such misuser, to cause proceedings to be instituted and prosecuted against such railroad company or corporation in the proper court for the forfeiture of the charter and franchises of such railroad company or corporation, or for the collection of a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars for each violation of the provisions of this act, at the discretion of the court before which the case shall be tried.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force on and after the first day of May, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

When act to take effect.

Approved March 6, 1871.

CHAPTER XXV.

An Act in relation to mixing grain in elevators or warehouses.

March 6, 1871.

- SECTION 1.** Mixing inferior grade with better grade without owners consent deemed unlawful.
2. Mixing different grades of grain without owners consent, deemed a misdemeanor—how punished.
 3. When act to take effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any warehouseman or agent of an elevator to mix grain received by them or either of them, as of an inferior grade, with grain received by them as of a better grade, and deliver the same to the owner for grain of the better grade, without the consent of the owner.

Mixing grains without consent deemed unlawful.

Deemed a misdemeanor—how punished.

SEC. 2. Any warehouseman or agent of an elevator who mixes grain received by them or either of them, as of an inferior grade, with grain received by them or either of them, as of a better grade, without the consent of the owner, and delivers or offers to deliver the same to

the owner for grain of the better grade, shall be held to have committed a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, nor less than one hundred dollars, and to imprisonment for not more than one year, nor less than thirty days.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved March 6, 1871.

CHAPTER XXVI.

An Act to regulate the sale of patent rights, and prevent frauds in connection therewith.

March 6, 1871.

- SECTION 1. Authorizing the sale of patent rights through application to the Clerk of District Court—Clerk to give applicant certificate upon satisfactory proofs.
2. What to be taken as prima facie evidence in all courts of this State.
 3. Penalty for non-compliance with provisions of this act.
 4. Penalty for false swearing.
 5. Fees of Clerk of Court.
 6. When Clerk to file copy of letters patent—penalty for violation of provisions of this act.
 7. How suits to be brought.
 8. Definition of the words "patent right."
 9. When act to take effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to sell or barter, or offer to sell or barter in any county within this state, any patent right, or any right which such person shall allege or pretend to be a patent right, without first having filed with the clerk of the district court of such county, a true copy of the letters patent, duly authenticated under the seal of the proper officer, and at the same time subscribing and swearing or affirming to an affidavit before such clerk, that such

To make application of Clerk of the District Court—when certificate may be given.